

Preliminary Amendment
Divisional Appln of USAN 09/169,577

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-29 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly add new claim 30 as follows:

Sub B17 30. A method of stabilizing a short-pulse fiber laser, comprising:

isolating said fiber laser from an external environment by wrapping said fiber laser onto a fiber spool; and
operating the fiber laser while said fiber laser remains wrapped on said fiber spool.